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**FORMERLY UTILIZED SITES REMEDIAL ACTION PROGRAM**

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## LINDE FUSRAP SITE BUILDING 30 DEMOLITION MATERIAL SHIPPED

TONAWANDA – The last carload of low-level radioactive building debris from the demolition of Building 30 at the former Linde Site left today for California. The former Linde Site is now occupied by Praxair, Inc. which is located at Sheridan Drive and East Park Drive, Tonawanda, New York.

The work was executed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Buffalo District under the authority of the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP).

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers contracted with Radian International, Inc. and their team of subcontractors to complete the demolition and disposal of building debris. The project included working over 25,000 man-hours without an OSHA-recordable or lost-time accident. The Corps of Engineers scrutinized the quality of work, which included radiation surveys, continuous air monitoring, and sampling with over 1,100 air samples taken to ensure project activities were protective of human health and the environment.

The structural demolition of Building 30 began on September 5, 1998 and was actually completed on September 18th. Since that time, the demolition debris has been sorted, segregated, and sampled to determine the appropriate disposal facility. The 6,400 cubic yards of debris was consolidated into intermodal steel containers, loaded on 83 railcars, and shipped to a licensed disposal facility in Button Willow, California.

Previous FUSRAP remediation activities at the site include the decontamination of Building 31 and Building 14, demolition and disposal of Building 38, and removal of 3,700 cubic yards of contaminated soils.

The Corps of Engineers is scheduled to release a Proposed Plan to the public for the former Linde Site this spring, and begin final remedial action of contaminated soils and subsurface anomalies this summer.

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